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1. During the winter of 1948-1949, engineers were sent to survey a projected route which was to run from Matulje - Opatija - Veprinac (see attached sketch), and then through a projected tunnel seven kilometers long under Monte Maggiore to Labin. The surveyors, who were assisted by two or three engineers, were of the opinion that the line, including the projected tunnel, would take about ten years to build. It was therefore decided to take another, longer route nearer the coast to eliminate the need for the tunnel.

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2. For the past two months a survey of the new route has been taking place, and its approximate course is as follows:

Matulje - north of Opatija - slightly south of Veprinac - Ladici - Opric - point two kilometers north of Sv. Marija - Moscenice.

3. A further extension from Moscenice to Labin is projected. A suggested variation is Moscenice to Lupoglav via Aurania. Local inhabitants were informed by the surveying parties that Ministerial approval is awaited from Belgrade as to which line is to be laid from Moscenice.

4. At Lupoglav there is a railroad line which runs from Hrpolje to Pazin.

5. Work was actually started on the Lupoglav - Aurania section. Huts capable of housing approximately 1,000 have been erected at Aurania. Several hundred workers are already at work levelling the line of the projected track and effecting demolitions of obstacles. There are three engineers in charge of the operations.

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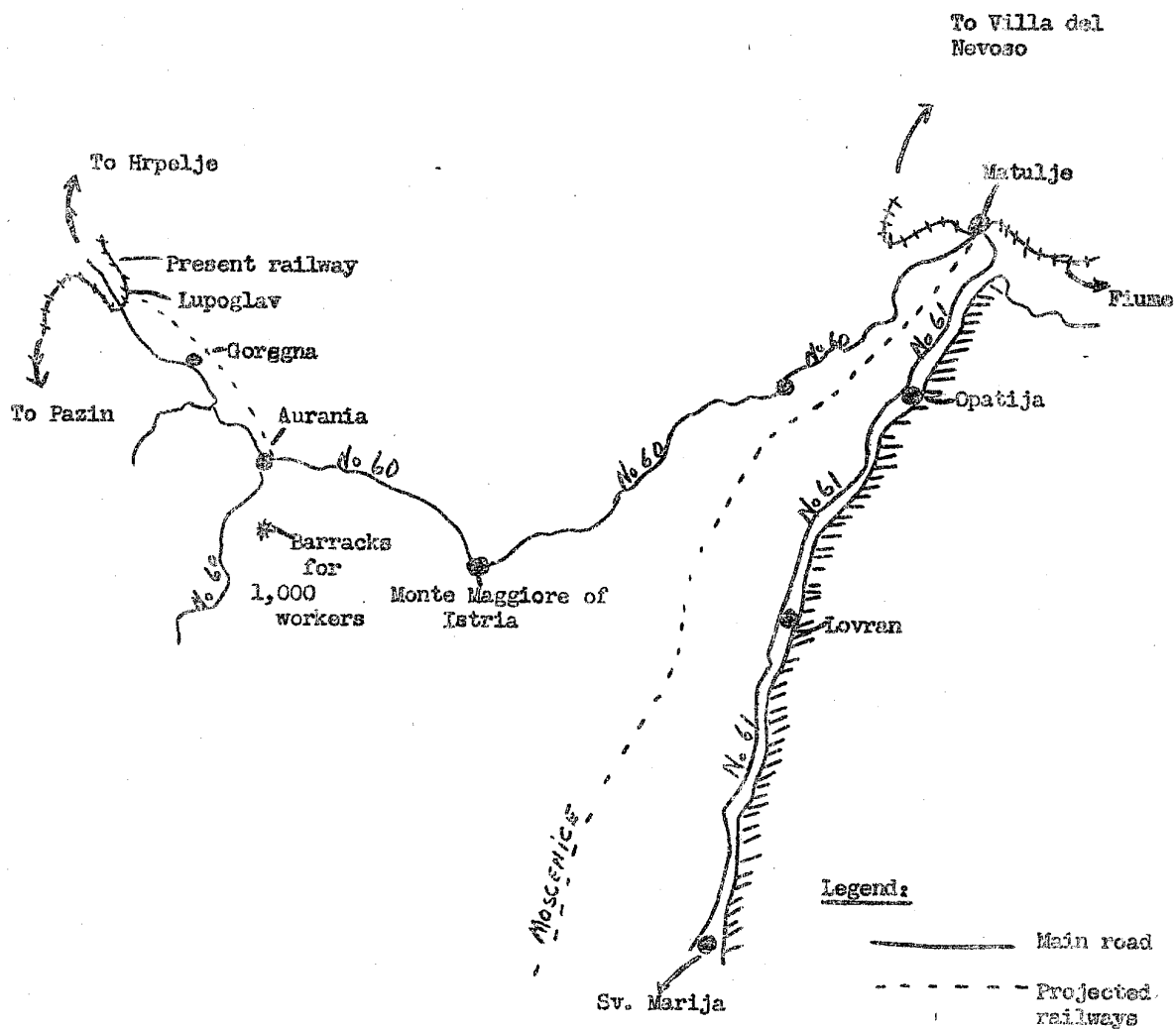
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